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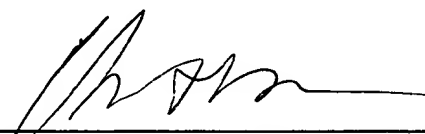
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37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Enclosures: PTO Form 1449,  
Copy of twenty-nine (29) references  
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Copy of British Search Report

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